

Summary of the Proposed Amendments to the Local Rules of the Western District of New York

Local Rules of Civil Procedure

- **Rule 72.** The proposed revision eliminates the requirement that civil cases be assigned by the Clerk to a District Judge and Magistrate Judge.
- **Rule 83.1(c).** The proposed revision eliminates the requirement that *pro hac vice* applicants complete a Pro Bono Service Form.
- **Rule 83.2(c).** The proposed revision requires that substitutions of counsel be signed by the party substituting counsel, except where the new attorney of record is in the same firm as the former attorney of record.

Local Rules of Criminal Procedure

The proposed revisions to the Local Rules of Criminal Procedure are intended to remove redundancies and conform the Local Rules to the current Federal Rules and the Court's current case management practices. These proposed revisions, include the following:

- Elimination of current Rules 6 (Grand Jury), 24 (Jury Trials), 32.1 (Presentence Report), Rule 44 (Appointment of Counsel) and 49.3 (Stipulations), as duplicative of the Federal Rules or unnecessary.
- Updating current Rules 12.1 (Procedures for Criminal Cases), 12.2 (Motions) and 49.1 (Service and Filing of Papers), to conform to current practices.
- Renumbering of the Local Rules consistent with the Federal Rules.